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Applicant: Juergen WIECZORECK et al.

Title: ENHANCING THE LUMINANCE OF LONGTIME LUMINESCENT AND/OR FLUORESCENT SURFACES

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO/SB/08 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* art reference against the claims of the present application.

TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The relevance of the documents A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A10, A12, A13, and A15 is described in the present specification.

Documents A6, A7, A8, A11, and A14 were cited in the International Search Report in the Applicants' International Application PCT/EP00/05180. A copy of the International Search Report setting forth the portion of each reference considered relevant by the Examiner is attached.

Document A3 and Document A5 claim priority based on the same first-filed application.

Document A4 and Document A9 claim priority based on the same first-filed application.

English translations of the foreign-language documents are not readily available. However, the absence of such translations does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign language documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609). English language abstracts are attached to documents A5, A6, A7, and A8, and the relevance is also discussed therein.

Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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Respectfully submitted,

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